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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

In response to the communication filed on November 21, 2003, claims 9-15 are active in this application.

1. The reply filed on November 21, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): MPEP states “§ 1.83 Content of drawing.

(a) The drawing in a nonprovisional application must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. However, conventional features disclosed in the description and claims, where their detailed illustration is not essential for a proper understanding of the invention, should be illustrated in the drawing in the form of a graphical drawing symbol or a labeled representation (e.g., a labeled rectangular box)”. In this case, the passivation layer covering the flash memory cell/floating gate is essential for a proper understanding of the invention. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jack Chen whose telephone number is (703)308-5838. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30am-6:00pm) alternate Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl W Whitehead can be reached on (703)308-4940. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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